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1. PHINQ (AP) QUOTES DOS OFFICIALS THAT GKR NOW STRONGER THAN BEFORE BOMBING HALT, CITING SUCCESSFUL KOMPONG CHAM DEFENSE AGAINST DETERMINED KI ASSAULT; AND THAT PP IS NOW IMPLEMENTING REFORMS TO CONTROL INFLATION, ASSURE RICE DISTRIBUTION AND PROVIDE NEEDED MEN FOR FANK. WP SAYS KI RETAIN TEXTILE MILL, TEMPLE AND AIRPORT ROAD TO KOMPONG CHAM.

2. BROWNE (NYT) REPORTS FROM PP THAT ROUTE 4 TO KOMPONG SOM REOPENED SEPT. 18; GKR CLAIMS PROGRESS IN CLEARING ROUTE 5 TO BATTAMBANG BUT ROAD STILL CLOSED; ROUTE 1 STILL OUT NINE MILES SE OF PP WHERE KI HARASS FANK WITH MORTAR FIRE. BROWNE FINDS VILLAGERS NEAR ROUTE 1 CUT WHO SAY FANK ARTILLERY BOMBARDMENT STARTED THE TROUBLE AND KI BLOCKED ROAD IN REVENGE. VILLAGERS PLAN TO STAY PUT SINCE CONFIDENT FANK WILL YIELD NO MORE GROUND. BROWNE SAYS US PRESENCE EVIDENT ON ROUTE 1 AND AT OTHER COMBAT POINTS; RECONNAISSANCE JETS PASS OVERHEAD, AND UNIFORMED ASST. MILITARY ATTACHES TURN UP AT COMMAND POSTS "OSTENSIBLY TO GATHER INTELLIGENCE" FOR EMBASSY, WHICH DENIES THEY GIVE ADVICE SINCE SUCH EFFORTS PROHIBITED BY LEGISLATION. BROWNE QUOTES FANK THAT AT KOMPONG CHAM UNIVERSITY GROUNDS RECAPTURED, ROAD TO AIRPORT REMAINS CUT AND 1000-MAN GARRISON AT AIRPORT, BEING RESUPPLIED BY AIRDROP, FOUGHT OFF TWO ATTACKS IN PAST DAY.

3. NYDN (UPI) ADDS THAT KOMPONG CHAM NOW CLEAR OF KI AS THEIR LAST STRONGHOLD, UNIVERSITY GROUNDS, UNCLASSIFIED

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FALLS; AT KOMPONG SOM TONS OF US-SUPPLIED MILITARY EQUIPMENT PILED UP WHILE ROUTE 4 WAS CUT NOW AWAIT TRANSPORT TO PP. CHITRIB SAYS KAF POUNDS KI IN KOMPONG CHAM SUBURBS WHILE CITY STARTS TO COME BACK TO LIFE.

4. DALLAS (REUTER) REPORTS FROM HK THAT KI RADIO BROADCAST ACCUSES USAF AND KAF OF BOMBING KOMPONG CHAM CAUSING HUNDREDS OF DEATHS AND INJURIES, AND WRECKING IMPORTANT DIKE THAT PROTECTED THOUSANDS AGAINST FLOODS AND A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT PUBLIC BUILDINGS. ASSERT THAT DIKE BOMBED TO PREVENT REFUGEES FROM FLEEING TO "LIBERATED AREAS". BOMBING

DESCRIBED AS "CRIMINAL ACT OF GENOCIDE", AND COMPARED TO ALLEGED DESTRUCTION OF NVN DIKES BY US AND OF DUTCH DIKES BY GERMANS IN WWII.

5. UPI REPORTS FROM VIENTIANE THAT SOUVANNA PHOUMA TOLD PRESS NEW COALITION GVT. COULD BE COMPLETE BEFORE OCT. 11 WHEN CURRENT SESSION OF PARLIAMENT ENDS, AND THERE WOULD BE NEW GENERAL PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS. MILITARY ASSISTANCE WOULD PROBABLY BE REDUCED BUT ECON AID INCREASED AT LEAST 50 PERCENT, COMING FROM SOCIALIST COUNTRIES AS WELL AS FREE WORLD. WP ADDS THAT SOUVANNA NOW FACES PROBLEM OF GETTING NEW COALITION APPROVED BY NAT. ASSEMBLY, NOT RECOGNIZED BY PL AND UNSYMPATHETIC TO REDS.

6. GVN CLAIMS 46 VC/NVA KILLED SEPT. 17 IN 56 CLASHES, BUT NO ARVN CASUALTIES; HIGHEST TOLL 26 DEAD IN ATTACKS NEAR KONTUM (WP).

7. "WEEK OF CONCERN FOR SAIGON'S POLITICAL PRISONERS LAUNCHED IN BOSTON SEPT. 17 ATTENDED BY ABOUT 50. INCLUDED INFORMAL SERVICE AND VIGIL AROUND MOCK "TIGER CAGE" BY NEWLY-FORMED NEW ENGLAND EMERGENCY COALITION TO FREE SAIGON'S POLITICAL PRISONERS, PART OF NATIONAL MOVEMENT URGING END OF US AID TO GVN. WEEK'S EVENTS WILL END WITH PROCESSION AND TEACH-IN (GLOBE).

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8. NVN DELEGATION TO FPJMT CHARGES US USING DELAY IN MIA SEARCH TO WELSH ON OBLIGATION TO MAKE ECONOMIC AID AVAILABLE TO HANOI. STATEMENT COUNTERED TWO RECENT US CHARGES THAT VC/NVN STALLING ON MIA SEARCH (UPI, NYDN; WP; CHITRIB).

9. KYODO REPORTS NVN AND GOJ HAVE AGREED TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS (WP). KIRK (CHITRIB) FROM TOKYO QUOTES GAIMUSHO SOURCES SEPT. 18 THAT GOJ AND NVN AGREED (AFTER LENGTHY NEGOTIATIONS IN PARIS) TO OPEN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITHIN THREE DAYS. DECISION CLIMAXES YEAR-LONG SERIES OF ECONOMIC AND DIPLOMATIC MOVES BY GOJ AND FITS DESIRE TO ADOPT "NEUTRAL" STANCE IN ASIA. HANOI, WANTING BROADENED CONTACTS, DROPPED DEMANDS FOR GRANT (RATHER THAN LOAN) AID, FOR GOJ RECOGNITION OF PRG, AND FOR PROHIBITION OF WEAPONS TRANSFER FROM THE US BASES IN JAPAN TO INDOCHINA.

THAILAND

10. SFRC DEFERS ACTION ON KINTNER NOMINATION AS AMBASSADOR

TO RTG (NYT).

CHINA

11. PHILA ORCHESTRA MEMBERS SAY ACUPUNCTURE IS RELIEVING NUMEROUS ACHES AND PAINS INDUCED BY RIGORS OF VIOLIN AND BASS PLAYING, PHINQ'S WEBSTER REPORTS. NINE MEMBERS OF TROUPE RECEIVE TREATMENT, MOST REPORT DECREASING PAIN AFTER FIRST SESSION WITH NOTED PEKING NEEDLER. PHYSICIANS ACCOMPANYING ORCHESTRA WATCH PROCEEDINGS WITH SKEPTICISM; ORCHESTRA OFFICIALS PLANNING ADDITIONAL TREATMENTS IN SHANGHAI FOR THOSE WANTING THEM; GROUP FLIES THERE WEDNESDAY FOR TWO CONCERTS BEFORE LEAVING CHINA FRIDAY.

12. OTHER PHINQ STORIES REPORT EXCITEMENT CREATED BY CHIANG CHING'S REQUEST TO MEET ALL ORCHESTRA MEMBERS; PLAYERS TREATED WITH "ORIENTAL LAVISHNESS" SUNDAY ON VISIT TO RED STAR FARMING COMMUNE SOUTH UNCLASSIFIED

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OF PEKING. CHIANG CHING'S ATTENDANCE AT SUNDAY CONCERT RECEIVED FRONT-PAGE COVERAGE IN PEOPLE'S DAILY, SHARING PAGE WITH POMPIDOU TOUR, AS SIGNS OF ENSEMBLE'S DIPLOMATIC IMPACT INCREASE. NEWS-PAPER CARRIED PHOTO OF ORCHESTRA WITH CHIANG CHING, AND SECOND PHOTO ON INSIDE PAGE. SUCH ATTENTION IN 8-PAGE OFFICIAL PUBLICATION APPEARS BE EAGER ENDORSEMENT FOR PHILADELPHIANS AND THEIR ROLE IN WIDENING SINO-US RELATIONS. TV COVERAGE PROVIDED POINT OF DISCORD IN OTHERWISE SMOOTH PLANNING THAT HAS CHARACTERIZED TRIP, WHEN PRC REQUEST TO FILM CONCERT WAS TURNED DOWN BECAUSE OF ORCHESTRA'S RCA RECORDS CONTRACT. ORCHESTRA MANAGER SAID THIS SPELLED OUT LONG IN ADVANCE OF TOUR, BUT CHINESE HOPED FOR CHANGE OF MIND ONCE ORCHESTRA REACHED PEKING. ENSEMBLE FILMED BRIEFLY, WHILE NOT PLAYING, BUT NO AGREEMENT COULD BE REACHED FOR NATIONAL TV -- MEANING FEWER THAN 5,000 PERSONS HEARD ORCHESTRA IN FOUR PROGRAMS. AUDIENCE STOOD AT END OF FINAL CONCERT, FIRST TIME ORCHESTRA ELICITED THAT RESPONSE.

13. SANDY GRADY (PHILA BULLETIN, SEPT. 17) PROVIDES INTERESTING REPORT ON CONCERT ATTENDED BY CHIANG CHING, PLUS AMUSING COLUMN OF SIDELIGHTS QUOTING

IN PART FROM NICK PLATT, "IVY LEAGUE TYPE IN US MISSION". IN MAIN ARTICLE, CHIANG CHING (IN DRESS AND SHOES DESCRIBED AS "NICE, BUT 1930-ISH") QUOTED SAYING THAT BECAUSE OF PREOCCUPATION WITH REVOLUTION "WE HAVE BECOME OF COARSER GRAIN. NOW WE WILL HAVE BEAN SPROUTS (I.E., APPRECIATION OF WESTERN

MUSIC, ETC.) AGAIN". SHE ALSO TOLD ORMANDY HE HAD WRONG IMPRESSION THAT PRC HAD MANY RESTRICTIONS, PRESUMABLY REFERRING TO FACT THAT ORCHESTRA HAD PLAYED NO RUSSIAN MUSIC. STRESSING THAT RUSS HAVE MANY GOOD MUSICIANS, ETC., SAID PRC OPPOSES "ONLY THE RUSSIAN REVISIONISTS". GRADY COMMENTS THAT FROM MOMENT OF HER ARRIVAL, ORCHESTRA "PLAYED A UNCLASSIFIED

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LOVE DUET" WITH HER.

14. IN COLUMN GRADY SAID CHIANG CHING "IN GRACE AND SPIRIT AND GESTURE" REMINDED HIM OF OLD FILM CLIPS OF ELEANOR ROOSEVELT. GRADY PARTICULARLY STRUCK BY "CRAZY, OBLIQUE WAY" CHINESE SET UP HER VISIT, AND BY "MANIA THE TOP STATE DEPT. GUYS HERE HAVE FOR READING EVERY NUANCE" OF HER VISIT. "THE STATE DEPT. GUYS WERE DOING CARTWHEELS. . . THEY TOLD ME THAT MME. MAO, APPEARING WITH YAO WEN-YUAN AT HER RIGHT, PUT THE STAMP OF APPROVAL LAST NIGHT ON US-CHINESE CHUMMINES."

15. PHILA ORCHESTRA CELLIST TOURING CHINA FIGHTS DIPLOMATIC RED TAPE AND POOR TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES IN EFFORT RETURN HOME FOR FUNERAL OF 8-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER WHO DIED MONDAY, PHINQ'S TWOMEY REPORTS. DOS AND WH OFFICIALS DISCUSSING METHODS OF RETURNING PLAYER BEFORE ORCHESTRA'S SCHEDULED SEPT. 22 DEPARTURE; BUT SPOKESMAN FOR SEN. SCOTT (R-PA.) SAYS ALMOST TOTAL LACK OF COMMERCIAL AVIATION FLIGHTS FROM PEKING HAMPERS EFFORTS. ADDS THAT SINCE SINO-US RELATIONS "ARE SO NEW," US OFFICIALS ARE BEING UNUSUALLY CAREFUL IN NEGOTS; "WE CAN'T JUST ASSIGN A PLANE AND SAY YOU TOUCH DOWN AT THE PEKING AIRPORT. . . IT'S THEIR HOME GROUND. IT'S THEIR DECISION TO MAKE." FRIEND OF CELLIST'S FAMILY REPORTS PLAYER "FEELS TRAPPED. . . I'M GRATEFUL THAT THERE IS FORWARD MOVEMENT BUT THE GOVERNMENT DOESN'T SEEM TOO OPTIMISTIC."

16. JANUS 1 ADVERTISES PRC-PRODUCED "CHINESE FILM FESTIVAL," "SHOWN FOR THE FIRST TIME TO THE AMERICAN PUBLIC." TITLES ARE: ACUPUNCTURE ANAESTHESIA,

HISTORICALRELICSand 2100 YEAR OLD TOMB EXCAVATED. WP REPORTS BLACK TIE PREMIERE AND PARTY ATTENDED BY HUNDREDS, INCLUDING LEADING MEMBERS OF CONGRESS UNCLASSIFIED

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AND 8 MEMBERS OF PRCLO.

17. PAN AM AND TWA URGE CAB TURN DOWN UNITED'S REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED HEARINGS ON UAL'S SEATTLE-PEKING ROUTE APPLICATION; BOTH CARRIERS POINT OUT THAT THEY AND NORTHWEST ORIENT ARE ALREADY CERTIFICATED TO SERVE PRC, ALTHOUGH AUTHORITY NEVER IMPLEMENTED BECAUSE SINO-US POLITICAL DIFFICULTIES (JOC).

18. SOVIET LEADERSHIP REPORTEDLY PREPARING WAY FOR WORLD COMMUNIST MEETING IN MOSCOW NEXT YEAR. WESTERN DIPLOMATS BELIEVE KREMLIN'S MAIN OBJECTIVE IS STRONG SHOW OF SOLIDARITY WITH IDEOLOGICAL PARTNERS, BOTH TO STRENGTHEN ITS POSITION IN INTENSIFYING RIVALRY WITH CHINA, AND TO DEMONSTRATE THAT ACCOMMODATION WITH WEST HAS NOT WEAKENED LINKS AMONG COMMUNIST PARTIES OR SACRIFICED COHESION OF WORLD COMMUNISM (NYT).

19. IN BANGKOK, COMMITTEE OF ASIAN GAMES FEDERATION VOTED TUESDAY TO STRIP GRC OF ITS 21-YEAR MEMBERSHIP AND ADMIT PRC (UPI, NYDN).

20. CSM'S WINDER PREDICTS UNGA "IS ALMOST CERTAINLY IN FOR THE LOUDEST SOVIET-CHINESE CLASH' THERE YET, POSSIBLY MIRRORED BY CHALLENGE TO CAMBODIAN CREDENTIALS. KOREAN ITEM WILL BE "MOST BITTERLY FOUGHT DEBATE", ALSO WITH CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN NUANCES OF SINO-SOVIET DIFFERENCES. SUGGESTS NOBODY FAILED NOTICING IT WAS CHINESE WHO WELCOMED NK UN DELEGATION AT AIRPORT, DROVE THEM INTO TOWN, SET THEM UP TEMPORARILY AT WALDORF-ASTORIA AND LARGELY STAGE-MANAGED THEIR FIRST SUMPTUOUS RECEPTION.

21. REVIEWING CHOU-POMPIDOU COMMUNIQUE, TORONTO GLOBE & MAIL'S BURNS (CSM) MAINTAINS THE FEW COMMITMENTS WERE OVERSHADOWED BY WIDE GULF CONTINUING TO SEPARATE THEM ON SENSITIVE ISSUE OF SOVIET RELATIONS WITH EUROPE. COMMUNIQUE MARKS SINO-FRENCH DIFFERENCES REGARDING CAMBODIA, AND THERE IS NO MENTION OF SALE OF TWO CONCORDES THAT FRENCH WERE ANXIOUS UNCLASSIFIED

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TO CONCLUDE.

22. IN SECOND OF TWO ARTICLES, ROBERT BOWIE (CSM) SEES IN HAK'S PRESENCE AT DOS OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO MAKE FRESH START IN RELATIONS WITH W. EUROPE AND JAPAN. SAYS HOPE IN BOTH AREAS IS THAT US WILL NOW FOCUS ON RE-FORGING LINKS WITH THEM AND WILL MAKE RADICAL CHANGE FROM PRACTICE OF "SECRECY, SURPRISE, AND FREQUENT UNILATERALISM."

JAPAN

23. AFTER TWO-DAYS TALKS WITH OHIRA, EEC VICE PRES. SOAMES ANNOUNCES THAT JAPAN AND COMMART HAVE AGREED TO SEEK BALANCED TRADE IN ORDER AVOID KIND OF IMPORT-EXPORT FRICTIONS MARKING US-JAPAN TRADE LAST YEAR. SOAMES SAID PARTIES AGREED AVOID DANGER THAT JAPANESE EXPORTS MIGHT CONCENTRATE ON TOO FEW PRODUCTS IMPOSED ON MARKETS OF PARTICULAR MEMBER STATES (UPI, NYDN; JOC). JAPANESE EXPECT IMF TALKS AT NAIROBI NEXT MONDAY WILL SEE "SOME CONCLUSIONS ON (MONETARY) REFORMS WITH SUBSTANCE" (JOC).

24. EPA RELEASES FIGURES ON 1974 AUTO MILEAGE PERFORMANCE; HONDA LEADS WITH 29.1 MI. PER GALLON (ALL PAPERS).

25. TANAKA NOTES JAPAN AND RUSSIA OFFICIALLY STILL AT WAR; GOJ HAS REFUSED SIGN PEACE TREATY WHILE SOVIET HOLDS 4 NORTHERN ISLANDS (CHITRIB). PREMIER LEAVES NEXT WEEK FOR FRANCE, W. GERMANY AND BRITAIN. KYODO REPORTS HE WILL OFFER 1-MILLION DOLLARS IN EACH COUNTRY TO ASSIST UNIVERSITIES WITH JAPANESE STUDIES PROGRAMS. NOTING TANAKA PRESENTED 10 SUCH GIFTS TO US UNIVERSITIES LAST MONTH, NYT DISPATCH REPORTS HE WILL ALSO MAKE JAPANESE STUDIES PROGRAMS AWARDS WHEN HE VISITS RUSSIA.

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26. TWELVE FIRMS UNDER MITSUBISHI GROUP JOINTLY APPLY FOR SK OK TO BUILD NAPHTHA-CRACKING CENTER AND RELATED PETROCHEMICAL FACILITIES AT COST OF BETWEEN 500-670 MILLION DOLLARS NEAR YOSU, ROKG ANNOUNCES (NYT; AP, CHITRIB). SK PURCHASING MISSION ARRIVES IN US PREPARED BUY UP TO 100 MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF US GOODS (JOC).

27. SENIOR OFFICIAL OF SEOUL DISTRICT PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE ANNOUNCES ROK INVESTIGATORS UNABLE FIND

ANY CLUES ON KIM DAE JUNG KIDNAPPER; INSISTS KIM DONG WOON, FIRST SECRETARY OF SK EMBASSY IN TOKYO, NOT INVOLVED (NYT).

AUSTRALIA

28. WHITLAM SAYS GOA DOES NOT INTEND RECOGNIZE NEW CHILE GVT.; SAYS HE PERSONALLY ENDORSED PETITION TO CHILEAN EMBASSY DEPLORING VIOLENT GVT. CHANGE

IN SANTIAGO (WP).

BURMA

29. NYT'S WEINRAUB, IN RANGOON, REPORTS THAT NE WIN, 11 YEARS IN POWER, REMAINS ONE OF "MOST REMOTE AND ENIGMATIC LEADERS IN ASIA. HE DISAPPEARS FROM PUBLIC VIEW FOR MONTHS, HIS NAME IS RARELY MENTIONED" IN GVT.-CONTROLLED PRESS AND HE SHUNS ALMOST ALL DIPLOMATS. EVEN NOW AS GUB PREPARES EXPERIMENT IN CONSTITUTIONAL GVT., IN WHICH HE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY SERVE AS HEAD, HE "REMAINS MYSTERIOUSLY ALOOF."

30. NEWSDAY'S WALDMAN/MARRO (SEPT. 15) CITE DOS OPPOSITION TO REP. WOLFF IDEA THAT US FULLY EXPLORE SHAN GUERRILLA OFFER TO SELL BURMESE OPIUM CROP. SAY WOLFF'S ACTIVITIES APPARENTLY HAVE ANNOYED DEPT., WHOSE SPOKESMAN FRIDAY SAID WOLFF "KNOWS UNCLASSIFIED

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ALL (OUR OBJECTIONS). ESSENTIAL FACTS WERE TOLD HIM IN ASIA BEFORE HE CAME BACK."

S. PACIFIC CONFERENCE

31. SEVENTEEN ISLAND STATES AND TERRITORIES TOOK STEP FORWARD TUESDAY TOWARD ENDING WHAT MANY IN AREA REGARD AS INSULTING WAY REGIONAL AID PROGRAMS ARE ADMINISTERED, TRUMBULL (NYT) REPORTS. NOTES CONFERENCE ADOPTED RESOLUTION CALLING FOR JOINT SESSIONS BEGINNING NEXT YEAR WITH AID BODY, S. PACIFIC COMMISSION, IN MOVE TO GIVE ISLAND PEOPLE "DOMINANT VOICE" IN COMMISSION. IN ANOTHER DEVELOPMENT, STATES AND TERRITORIES VOTED TO ASK WALDHEIM CONVEY THEIR CONDEMNATION OF FRENCH NUCLEAR TESTS AT MURUROA TO UNGA AND UNSC.

32. LAT'S FOISIE (SEPT. 18), IN BANGKOK, OBSERVES THAT LAOS' "FEUDING ARISTOCRACY,. . . WHOSE LOYALTIE PRESENTLY ARE DIVIDED" BETWEEN PL AND SOUVANNA PHOUMA, BEGAN THE EFFORT MONDAY TO MAKE WAR-ENDING COALITION GOVERNMENT WORK -- BUT THERE IS ONLY MILD HOPE THAT THIS NEW ATTEMPT" WILL BRING NATION PEACE. SOUVANNA WILL CONTINUE AS PM, BUT ACCORD CONCEDES PL "BIGGER SHARE" IN RUNNING COUNTRY. SOUVANNA'S "RIGHT-WING ARMY GENERALS ARE GRUMBLING" OVER PEACE TERMS, PARTICULARLY THOSE STATIONING PL SOLDIERS AND POLICE IN VIENTIANE AND LUANG PRABANG; AT SAME TIME, PL RADIO IS WARNING OF RIGHTIST SABOTAGE ATTEMPTS AGAINST PEACE AGREEMENT AND DENOUNCING US REFUSAL TO RENOUNCE NEO-COLONIALISM IN LAOS -- APPARENT REFERENCE TO US OFFER CONTINUE ECON AID TO NEW GOVT. WHILE SUCH BYPLAY IS FAMILIAR IN

LAOS, CAUTIOUS OPTIMISM REMAINS THAT NEW COALITION WILL FORGE AHEAD AND THAT GREAT POWERS INDIRECTLY INVOLVED DESIRE GENUINELY NEUTRAL LAOS. BUT MUCH DEPENDS ON HANOI'S INTENTIONS. BRITISH SCHOLAR PETER KEMP, IN RECENT INTERVIEW WITH FIRST SECRETARY OF NVN EMBASSY IN VIENTIANE, WAS TOLD NVA WILL LEAVE LAOS; UNCLASSIFIED

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HOWEVER, FOISIE THINKS NVN WILL CONTINUE TO USE HO TRAIL AND IMPROVE ARTERIES INTO SVN AND CAMBODIA.

33. LAT'S JAMESON AND GLOBE'S CROCKER SNOW (BOTH SEPT. 18) POINT OUT THAT MONDAY'S TOKYO NEWS CONFERENCE WARNING BY DEPUTY DEFSEC. CLEMENTS THAT PYONGYANG POSES INCREASED THREAT OF ARMED AGGRESSION IS FIRST SUCH KNOWN PUBLIC STATEMENT BY US OFFICIAL SINCE 1970. AND DOD OFFICIALS TRAVELING WITH CLEMENTS LATER TRIED TO "TONE DOWN ITS EFFECT," SNOW OBSERVES. JAMESON NOTES THAT ONLY LAST OCTOBER, WHEN PARK USED THREAT-FROM-NORTH ARGUMENT TO JUSTIFY IMPOSING MARTIAL LAW IN SK, US OFFICIALS SAID PUBLICLY THEY DID NOT AGREE THIS MUCH TENSION EXISTED IN KOREAN PENINSULA; "MONDAY, CLEMENTS APPEARED TO ACCEPT PARK'S ARGUMENT." SNOW SAYS CLEMENTS WAS CAUTIOUS ON QUESTION OF EXPANDED DEFENSE ROLE IN ASIA FOR JAPAN, STOPPING SHORT OF STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO LAIRD LAST YEAR. CLEMENTS DID SAY US WOULD BE "HAPPY TO SEE THEM TAKE ON" MORE ACTIVE DEFENSE IN THE PERIMETERS OF JAPANESE ISLANDS.

34. ORR KELLY (STAR-NEWS, SEPT. 18) CONTENTS IF WIDESPREAD VN FIGHTING ERUPTS AGAIN, MILITARY SITUATION WILL BE MARKEDLY DIFFERENT FROM EARLIER STAGES. FOR HANOI HAS ESTABLISHED VISIBLE SYSTEM OF HIGH-VALUE TARGETS INSIDE SVN -- ADMINISTRATIVE AND MILITARY BASES AT KHE SANH AND ELSEWHERE -- THAT WILL BE VULNERABLE TO VN AIR FORCE.

35. S-N'S MCGRORY (SEPT. 18) SEES GVN AS "CONSPICUOUS EXAMPLE AND THE RALLYING POINT" OF SEN. ABOUREZK'S AMENDMENT TO FOREIGN AID BILL BARRING FUNDS TO ANY COUNTRY HOLDING POLITICAL PRISONERS. SAYS DOS, IN LETTER TO SEN. KENNEDY, "FINALLY ACKNOWLEDGED" GVN HOLDS POLITICAL PRISONERS AND THAT SOME ABUSES HAVE OCCURRED; BUT DOS "TAKES REFUGE IN THE ODD DEMURRER THAT THESE TOOK PLACE 'DURING THE INTERROGATION PERIOD'" AND THAT AMEMBASSY SAIGON OFTEN COMPLAINS. AT SAME TIME, DOS "WASHES ITS HANDS OF WHAT IT CONCEDES IS 'INADEQUATE' IMPLEMENTATION" OF PEACE TREATY'S PROVISIO ON RELEASE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS ON GROUNDS THIS IS INTERNAL GVN AFFAIR -- "WHICH IS SURELY THE FIRST OF ITS KIND." UNCLASSIFIED

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36. LAT'S MCARTHUR (SEPT. 18), IN SAIGON, LOOKS AT LAME-DUCK SESSION OF "ONCE CONTENTIOUS" SVN SENATE. PRO-GOVERNMENT SENATORS DID NOT EVEN DEIGN RESPOND TO OPPOSITION ATTACKS. OPPOSITION, HOWEVER, "SHOWED LITTLE STATESMANSHIP IN ITS DECLARATIONS." MANY OF THEM COMPLAINED THAT THIEU HAS BEEN PLAYING PARTISAN POLITICS BECAUSE HE REFUSED THEM PASSPORTS -- AND FOREIGN CURRENCY -- FOR TRAVEL ABROAD. "NOT ONE SENATOR SAW FIT TO TACKLE THE COUNTRY'S CURRENT ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES, INFLATION OR THE UNDENIABLE HARDSHIPS BEING IMPOSED ON ORDINARY PEOPLE." SESSION FINALLY ENDED WHEN OPPOSITION REQUIRED MORE TIME TO REPHRASE RESOLUTION DEMANDING PRESIDENT BE MORE RESPECTFUL OF LEGISLATURE. THIS WAS, HOWEVER, "AT LEAST A GESTURE" BY OPPOSITION IN SITUATION WHICH SEES SENATE, "CREATED SIX YEARS AGO AMID SOME DEMOCRATIC HOPES, SUBSIDING INTO A RUBBER-STAMP BODY."

37. LAT'S KIRSCH (SEPT. 18) REVIEWS THOMAS POWERS' NEW BOOK, "THE WAR AT HOME: VIETNAM AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, 1964 - 1968." SAYS THIS IS NOT PRIMARILY STORY OF VN POLICY FROM VANTAGE POINT OF THOSE IN POWER OR LEGISLATORS WHO OPPOSED WAR WHEN IT WAS POLITICALLY DANGEROUS TO DO SO, BUT IS DETAILED NARRATIVE OF ACTION AND BELIEF "FROM THE GOVERNED." BOOK'S THESIS IS THAT LBJ'S DECISION TO DE-ESCALATE AND DISENGAGE IN INDOCHINA AND NOT RUN FOR RE-ELECTION CAME ABOUT BECAUSE PEOPLE OF US "SIMPLY REFUSED TO TOLERATE THE WAR OR THE OFFICIAL ASSUMPTION THAT THERE WAS NO ALTERNATIVE TO WAR." POWERS SAYS WHILE NEITHER WAR NOR OPPOSITION TO IT ENDED IN 1968, "WHAT ENDED WAS THE AMERICAN COMMITMENT TO FIGHT AND WIN THE WAR."

38. LAT'S ELEGANT (SEPT. 18), IN HONG KONG, ANALYZES RECENT CHOU-POMPIDOU MEETING, OBSERVING PRC AND FRANCE SUPERFICIALLY APPEAR FAR APART IN FOREIGN-POLICY GOALS BUT ARE BOTH "STRONGLY DISAFFECTED FROM" PRESENT WORLD POWER BALANCE. CONCLUDES THAT PRC FOREIGN POLICY "IS BASED UPON HARD-HEADED CALCULATION AND PRAGMATIC LOGIC UNCLASSIFIED

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TO A MUCH GREATER EXTENT THAN IS FRANCE'S." MOREOVER, CHOU "IS LESS IDEOLOGICAL THAN POMPIDOU IN HIS ASSESSMENT" OF PRESENT INTERNATIONAL SITUATION. CHINESE SAY PUBLICLY THEY WANT INDEPENDENT W. EUROPE TO COUNTER-BALANCE BOTH US AND SOVIET; BUT CHINESE RECOGNIZE THAT INDEPENDENT W. EUROPE CANNOT EXIST WITHOUT US SUPPORT.

39. LAT'S LAMB (SEPT. 18), FROM WOOMERA, FINDS THAT ON THREE OF "REMOTEST BASES US MILITARY HAS TO OFFER,"

1,000 AMERICAN SERVICEMEN IN AUSTRALIA "ARE CONVINCING AUSTRALIANS THAT UNCLE SAM STILL HAS A FEW AMBASSADORS OF GOODWILL LEFT". SO SUCCESSFUL HAS BEEN AMERICAN INTEGRATION INTO LOCAL COMMUNITIES "THAT ONLY PEOPLE MUMBLING 'YANKEE, GO HOME' THESE DAYS ARE IN ALP'S LEFT-WING. SO WELCOME ARE THE AMERICANS AND SO COMPLETE HAS THE ASSIMILATION BEEN AMONG FAMILIES THAT AMERICAN KIDS ARE SAYING THINGS LIKE, 'GOOD ON YER, DAD' AND AUSTRALIAN YOUNGSTERS ARE SAYING, 'YOU BETCHA LIFE.'" BUT BECAUSE OF SECRECY ATTACHED TO BASES, SOME AUSTRALIAN POLITICIANS ARE OPENLY UNHAPPY ABOUT US PRESENCE AND DEFMIN BARNARD WILL NEGOTIATE IN US IN DECEMBER TO GIVE CANBERRA LARGER SAY IN THEIR OPERATION. EIGHT AMERICANS ARE STATIONED AT AMBERLEY AFB NEAR BRISBANE, WHERE ATMOSPHERIC AND UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR TESTS ARE MONITORED, AND OTHERS ARE SPREAD THROUGHTOUT SCATTERED NASA TRACKING STATIONS AND AUSSIE MILITARY INSTALLATIONS. MAJORITY OF AMERICANS ARE AT NURRUNGAR (AT WOOMERA) WHERE ABOUT 250 ARE TRACKING NUCLEAR SUBS AND ICBMS. US-AUSSIE AGREEMENT THERE EXPIRES IN 1979. AT PINE GAP, ABOUT 250 AMERICANS IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES REPORTEDLY DETECT AND INTERPRET ENEMY ROCKET FIRINGS AND, ACCORDING TO UNCONFIRMED REPORTS, CAN PROVIDE COURSE CORRECTION FOR US MISSILES. AT NW CAPE, THREE SITES(ABOUT 500 US SERVICEMEN) ARE USED FOR NAVAL COMMUNICATIONS UNDER 20-YEAR AGREEMENT (THAT WHITLAM HAS CALLED "THOROUGHLY OBNOXIOUS") GIVING US TOTAL CONTROL. NEW PACT MAKING IT JOINT INSTALLATION EXPECTED TO BE NEGOTIATED BY BARNARD IN WASHINGTON: AS WELL AS QUESTION OF PX PRIVILEGES NOW DENIED BY GOA.

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40. CHITRIB'S WIEDRICH (SEPT 18) SAYS BALLY CORP. OF CHICAGO, WORLD'S LARGEST SLOT MACHINE MAKER, WHICH IS SEEKING TO WIDEN ITS SHARE OF AUSTRALIAN MARKET, "UNFORTUNATELY, HAS BECOME THE UNWITTING VICTIM OF AN AUSTRALIAN SCANDAL THAT HAS POLITICAL OVERTONES INVOLVING EFFORTS TO EMBARRASS THE GOVERNMENT BY THE LOYAL OPPOSITION. THERE HAVE BEEN CHARGES LEVELED OF POLICE CORRUPTION AND MOBSTER PLANS TO USE SLOT MACHINE PROFITS TO BANKROLL THE NARCOTICS RACKET. ALTHO THECOUNTRY HAS AN ACTIVE UNDERWORLD OF ITS OWN, THERE ARE FEARS AN AMERICAN MOB INVASION COULD SIGNAL WHOLESALE ORGANIZED CRIME." AUSSIE NEWSPAPERS HAVE PRACTICALLY BEEN IN "STATE OF HYSTERIA" PAST TWO YEARS, PROMINENTLY DISPLAYING STORIES OF BIZZARE CLANDESTINE MEETINGS BETWEEN LOCAL GANGSTERS AND US MOBSTERS. ONE CHICAGOAN, JOSEPH TESTA, WHO ADMITS MEETING TOP AUSSIE MOBSTERS " BUT ONLY SOCIALLY" -- CAN'T FATHOM "WHY HE'S BEEN LINKED DOWN UNDER TO THE REPORTED HOODLUM INVASION." IN SEPT. 19 FOLLOW-UP, WIEDRICH (TONGUE IN CHEEK) NOTES TESTA'S DENIAL OF LINKS

WITH ANY CRIME SYNDICATE, IN US OR AUSTRALIA. TESTA SAYS HE HASN'T "FOGGIEST NOTION" HOW AUSSIE POLICE COULD ALLEGE HE MET LOCAL MOBSTERS IN SYDNEY, -- WHEN HE WAS SIMPLY WAITING AROUND MEETING PEOPLE LIKE LENNIE MCPHERSON, REPUTED BOSS OF AUSSIE UNDERWORLD. TESTA CAN'T UNDERSTAND HOW HE IS LINKED WITH BALLY CORP. IN AUSSIE PRESS, AND IS DEMANDING HEARING BEFORE AUSTRALIAN ROYAL COMMISSION. WIEDRICH PROMISES NEXT TO RECOUNT TESTA'S FIRST VISIT TO SYDNEY IN 1965.

41. OBERDORFER (WP), IN TOKYO, AYS ROK-GOJ TENSION CONTINUES OVER KIM DAE JUNG CASE, BUT TWO SIDES APPEAR TO HAVE MOVED BACK FROM BRINK OF IMMEDIATE AND EMOTIONAL SHOWDOWN AS PRESSURE FOR QUICK AND DECISIVE ACTIONS SEEMS TO HAVE EASED. AYS RELATIONS BETWEEN SK AND JAPANESE PEOPLES ARE DELICATE AND EDGY BECAUSE OF LONG HISTORY OF CONFLICT; " MANY JAPANESE CONSIDER KOREANS INFERIOR, AND MANY KOREANS BITTERLY RESENT THE JAPANESE AS HAUGHTY AND DOMINEERING. WITH THIS BACKGROUND." SHOWDOWN BETWEEN THEM " CULD BRING UNINTENDED AND UNPREDICTABLE RESULTS, WITH MAJOR REPERCUSSIONS IN THIS PART OF ASIA."

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42. CSM'S WINDER PREDICTS UNGA "IS ALMOST CERTAINLY IN FOR THE LOUDEST SOVIET-CHINESE CLASH" THERE YET, POSSIBLY MORRORED BY CHALLENGE TO CAMBODIAN CREDENTIALS. KOREAN ITEM WILL BE "MOST BITTERLY FOUGHT DEBATE", ALSO WITH CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN NUANCES OF SINO-SOVIETN DIFFERENCES. SUGGESTS NOBODY FAILED NOTICING IT WAS CHINESE WHO WELCOMED NK UN DELEGATION AT AIRPORT, DROVE THEM INTO TOWN, SET THEM UP TEMPORARILY AT WALDORF-ASTORIA AND LARGELY STAGE-MANAGED THEIR FIRST SUMPTUOUS RECEPTION.

43. REVIEWING CHOU-POMPIDOU COMMUNIQUE, TORONTO GLOBE & MAIL'S BURNS (CSM) MAINTAINS THE FEW COMMITMENTS WERE OVERSHADOWED BY WIDE FULF CONTINUING TO SEPARATE THEM N SENSITIVE ISSUE OF SOVIET RELATIONS WITH EUROPE. COMMUNIQUE MARKS SINO-FRENCH DIFFERENCES REGARDING CAMBODIA, AND THERE IS NO MENTION OF SALE OF TWO CONCORDES THAT FRENCH WERE ANXIOUS TO CONCLUDE.

44. IN SECOND OF TWO ARTICLES, ROBERT BOWIE (CSM) SEES IN HAK'S PRESENCE AT DOS OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO MAKE FRESH START IN RELATIONS WITH W. EUROPE AND JAPAN. SAYS HOPE IN BOTH AREAS IS THAT US WILL NOW FOCUS ON RE-FORGING LINKS WITH THEM AND WILL MAKE RADICAL CHANGE FROM PRACTICE OF "SECRECY, SURPRISE, AND FREQUENT UNILATERALISM." RUSH

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